Heather’s Highlights

Dear Newsletter Readers,

Our first ever outdoor Family Fun Day happened on May 13th and it was a great success! We brought in 165 people to Butterfield Park in Orange to celebrate family fun! Thank you to the members of the Children’s Health and Wellness Task Force that put it all together and stayed strong against the worries of bad weather! Orange Elementary Schools, Athol Library, Reach Early Intervention, Mahar Key Club, Chart, NQ Patch, Athol Hospital, Telepsych, Healthy Families, Valuing Our Children, Mt. Grace Land Trust, NQ Childcare Association, and community members helped to make this a great time for all!

Our May Forum was a presentation on LGBT Health Equity by Fenway Institute, presented by Kristal Cleaver of Clinical and Support Options. It was a great way to start the conversation in our region about true equity in all services provided, and a community that is comfortable for all residents. Kristal can be reached at the Bridge Family Resource Center in Amherst, and more information about the training can be found through The Fenway Institute. Thank you Kristal!

We hope you are all enjoying the Spring season, and please don’t forget to register for the Annual Luncheon TODAY! We need you!

Thank you for all you do!

Heather Bialecki-Canning
Executive Director

June’s Forum:
NQCC Annual Luncheon Celebration
June 16, 2017
11:30 am—2:00 pm
Athol-Orange Elks Club
92 New Athol Road
Orange, MA
(Driving directions at www.nqcc.org)

The next newsletter submission deadline is June 20, 2017. Email details to admin@nqcc.org

Visit our comprehensive North Quabbin Community Calendar at nqcc.org/events.html

Like us on Facebook for regular updates!

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NRCC Annual Luncheon
June 16, 2017
11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Athol-Orange Elks Lodge
92 New Athol Road, Orange

Register Today by Clicking Here!  Early Bird Discount Deadline is June 9!!

Children's Advocacy Center
4th Annual Healing & Hope Breakfast
June 2, 2017
7:30 - 9:00 AM
Greenfield Community College

Join the Children's Advocacy Center of Franklin County and North Quabbin at an important Breakfast. Learn how the newly opened Advocacy Center transforms the lives of children we serve and why we need your support.

There is no cost to attend the Breakfast, but you will be asked to make a donation to support the Center.

If you are interested in attending or becoming a sponsor, Please contact Irene Woods, 508-843-7306, ILWoods@aol.com

For more information visit our website: CACFranklinNQ.org
Join us for Games, Trips, Friends and More with
The Salvation Army Athol’s

**Summer Fun Zone!!!**

Running July 5th-July 28th
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 pm
Cost: $50 a week (financing available)
Space is limited to the first 20 children ages 6-12 signed up.

For More Information Contact:
Lt’s Jennifer & Michael Buzzard @ 978-249-8111
Or Jennifer.Buzzard@USE.SalvationArmy.org

@TheSalvationArmyAthol
Earn More SNAP Dollars
with the Healthy Incentives Program!

Spend your SNAP dollars on farm-fresh fruits and vegetables at participating Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) retailers and have the amount of your purchase instantly added back to your EBT card!

**Farmers Markets**
Look for participating farmers at regularly scheduled markets in your town or nearby, selling fresh fruits and vegetables.

**Farm Stands**
On-farm stores where you can buy fresh fruits and vegetables, right from the hands that picked them.

**Mobile Markets**
Markets that bring farm-fresh produce right to your community.

**CSA Farm Shares**
Membership-based service that provides your family with fresh fruits and vegetables every week.

Look at what you can earn each month! (based on household size)

- **$40** 1-2 people
- **$60** 3-5 people
- **$80** 6+ people

**FIND A HIP LOCATION NEAR YOU**
Visit [www.mass.gov/hip](http://www.mass.gov/hip) for a directory, call Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333, or look for the HIP logo.

**How does HIP work?**

1. **HIP RETAILERS**
   - You are already enrolled! Use your SNAP dollars to buy farm-fresh fruits and vegetables at a HIP retailer.

2. **RECEIPT**
   - An equal amount of money, up to your monthly limit, is instantly added back to your EBT card.

3. **MASS DTA**
   - Your receipt will show the amount of additional SNAP dollars you’ve earned.

4. **Spend your earned benefits anywhere that accepts SNAP.**

Supported by USDA FNIN and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
You are cordially invited to attend
North Quabbin Adult Day Health Center’s
Open House and Community Education Event

Wednesday, June 21, 2017
5:00pm – 6:30pm
Adult Day Health Center, 1471 Main Street Rear, Athol, MA

Educational Program:
“Identifying & Managing Caregiver Stress”
Program begins at 5:30pm

Presented by:
Wanda Landry, Alzheimer Program Director &
Alzheimer Association Trained Support Group Facilitator & Educator

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED
LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE

For directions, information or to make a reservation,
Please call the North Quabbin Adult Day Health Center at (978) 248-9470.
Position Openings with TerraCorps

TerraCorps, formerly MassLIFT-AmeriCorps, is an innovative national service program working to help communities conserve and secure land for the health and well-being of people and nature. Using the AmeriCorps national service model, TerraCorps prepares and mobilizes emerging leaders to help strengthen community-based nonprofits working to meet these goals.

The 2017 TerraCorps program will support 36 full-time AmeriCorps members, serving in one of four positions: Land Stewardship Coordinator (LSC), Regional Conservation Coordinator (RCC), Community Engagement Coordinator (CEC), and Youth Education Coordinator (YEC). All members will carry out capacity building projects; educate or train individuals; recruit, train, manage, and support community volunteers engaged in land-based activities; and identify new individuals and groups to participate in conservation opportunities. All positions include computer-based administrative and reporting duties. The specific responsibilities and goals of members differ by position as well as host site organization.

These are full-time AmeriCorps positions requiring a minimum of 1,700 hours of service over 11 months. The 2017-18 TerraCorps program will run from August 28, 2017 – July 27, 2018. Members are provided a living allowance ($12,530), education award ($5,815), as well as additional AmeriCorps benefits.

Nineteen organizations, located across the state, will host TerraCorps members this year including Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust. Member applications, position descriptions, and information about TerraCorps and the organizations hosting members for the 2017-2018 program can be found on their website www.terracorps.org.

The United Arc Seeks Manager of Human Resources

The United Arc, headquartered in Turners Falls, MA, provides services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties and the North Quabbin region of Massachusetts, is seeking a dynamic and team-oriented individual to oversee human resources for its $5.6 million and growing organization. The Manager of Human Resources is responsible for overseeing all aspects of human resources with primary concern for payroll, benefits administration, recruitment, staff training and development, compliance with state and federal laws, licensing and contracts, workers compensation, unemployment, and employee relations to ensure quality program and service delivery, sound fiscal administration, ongoing supervision and training of staff, safety and security, facility management, business and community relations and resource development.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor’s degree, Masters preferred, in HR or other related field. SHRM-CP/SHRM-SCP or PHR/SPHR preferred; minimum five years relevant experience, with at least one year supervisory experience, preferably in nonprofit administration; demonstrated ability in personnel supervision and recruitment and retention of qualified personnel; demonstrated ability to create, implement and oversee a full range of HR related systems and programs; demonstrated knowledge of computers, computer software applications, electronic payroll processing and electronic personnel records; strong communication skills, both oral and written; acceptable driving record, valid driver’s license and access to an automobile. Competitive salary and benefits. Interested individuals should send a cover letter, resume and salary requirements by email to lynnebielecki@unitedarc.org or by mail to Lynne Marie Bielecki, Executive Director, The United Arc, 294 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376. Applications will be considered until position is filled.
Parent Café: How We Cope

Conversations regarding coping mechanisms and resources for ourselves, our families, friends, and our community members.

Lunch, childcare, and assistance with transportation will be provided. We will also be raffling off free prizes.

Thursday, June 1st Noon to 2pm
Athol Area YMCA
545 Main St.

Please contact Shirley Mitchell to RSVP and to request childcare:
978-249-5070 x25

Valuing Our Children
Nurturing Network Meeting:

• Sharing Outcomes with Parents

• Reaching Out to LGBT Families

The Nurturing Network is a gathering of people who have been offering the Family and Fathers Nurturing Programs and those who want to know more about Nurturing Programs. This meeting will cover:

Sharing AAPI results with families

Working with LGBT Families by Using Inclusive Language and Offering a New Curriculum Supplement

Come and Connect to other Nurturers

Friday
June 9, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(lunch included)

CMHA
Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance
6 INSTITUTE ROAD
WORCESTER, MA

Please RSVP to LaWaun Curry at: (617) 474-1143 x231
lcurry@familynurturing.org

Register at:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nurturing-networking-meeting-tickets-34723181954

Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts
200 Bowdoin Street, Dorchester, MA 02122
Healing Past the Pain

ARE YOU:
A Parent/Caregiver of a child who has been sexually abused?

DO YOU:
♦ Often feel you don’t know what to do or say?
♦ Have questions & no answers?
♦ Feel overwhelmed?
♦ Feel alone?

Join others with similar experiences in this
Support and educational group for parents/caregivers of children who have been sexually abused. Because...

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

WHEN: Class is 8 weeks
Please call for next start date
Childcare and Snacks Provided

WHERE: Valuing Our Children, Walnut St., Athol

If Interested CALL: Jackie Humphreys, LICSW 413-364-3527
Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust

GREAT AMERICAN CAMPOUT
Athol Community Campout Edition

Take part in the nationwide
GREAT AMERICAN CAMPOUT

Saturday, June 24 at 3:00PM to
Sunday, June 25 at 10:00AM

Everyone is invited, especially first-time campers, to spend a night out at Skyfields Arboretum in Athol!

Meet at: Mount Grace's Skyfields Arboretum 1461 Old Keene Rd, Athol, MA
Learn about basic camping skills, cooking, and have fun!
Join old and new friends for a cook-out, games, art, nature, and trail-side activities.
This event is free for all!
If you need a tent, no worries! Just give us a call and let us know.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED SO SIGN UP NOW.

Please contact Katy Ziemlak at 978-248-2055 x28 or outreach_americorps@mountgrace.org
or see www.mountgrace.org for more info. or to register.
2017 Opioid Task Force
Community Forums
Come and lend your voice!

Join us at one or more of our public Community Forums, where members of the Opioid Task Force will listen and learn about your ideas and experiences to address the opioid epidemic in Franklin County and the North Quabbin Region. Active participation is encouraged by all that attend. Please come prepared with brief and specific examples of what has worked and what hasn’t to help strengthen county efforts to help individuals and families impacted by this disease.

Forums will begin with a light dinner at 5:30 PM. Participation is not limited based on location. Please feel free to attend any forum that fits your schedule.

Thursday, June 1, 6 PM - 8 PM
East County (North Quabbin) (Athol, Thursday, June 1, 6 PM - 8 PM
East County (North Quabbin) (Athol, Orange, New Salem, Warwick, Erving, Wendell, Shutesbury, Petersham, Royalston and Phillipston)

- Athol Memorial Hospital Board Room,
2033 Main Street, Athol, MA

Thursday, June 8, 6 PM - 8 PM
North/Central County (Greenfield,
Montague, Bernardston, Gill, Leyden and Northfield)

- Greenfield Community College
Dining Hall Commons
One College Drive, Greenfield, MA

Questions? Please contact
info@opioidtaskforce.org
Rainbow Elders: LGBTIQA Socializing, Support & Resources

The Rainbow Elders (formerly LGBTIQA Elders) offers opportunities to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, questioning, and asexual elders plus their straight and younger allies to build connections and find resources. The Rainbow Elders Steering Committee of LifePath organizes quarterly events for LGBTIQA older adults and allies. These events are free of charge, although donations are welcomed, and events are drug-, alcohol-, and fragrance-free. They also offer a speaker’s panel presentation to interested agencies. The panelists tell their own stories and take questions from the audience.

In the summer and winter, Rainbow Elders hosts social events, which offer the opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal in a friendly atmosphere. There is modest programming which encourages all to meet others, tell their remarkable stories, reflect on the changing world, and learn about resources. These social events are meant to be safe, supportive and confidential. They hope that everyone can speak from the heart about their own experiences but without judgment of others.

In the spring, they co-sponsor an Intergenerational Gathering. Area LGBTIQA organizations and community partners help to bring together folk from a range of ages and backgrounds. As with the socials, they eat well, mix and mingle, learn, and celebrate their common and varied cultures.

In the autumn, they go back to school with an educational presentation. They select an issue or issues of interest to their constituents and seek expertise to inform and help them to keep moving forward in seeking rights and being of service to our communities.

Would you like to receive the Rainbow Elders Quarterly Newsletter, emailed free directly to you? They’ll also send you their event invitations and reminders. Just visit http://lifepathma.org/rainbowelders to subscribe.
Mission Statement: The North Quabbin Community Coalition is a community-wide alliance committed to improving the quality of life for all those living and working in the North Quabbin since 1984.

Congressman James P. McGovern’s Local Office Hours in Athol

Congressman James P. McGovern, serving the 2nd Congressional District, Massachusetts, has announced new local office hours at the North Quabbin Community Coalition, 251 Exchange Street, Athol. Staff will be available on the third Friday of every month from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm to meet with you and provide assistance/advocacy with matters pertaining to federal government agencies and to discuss concerns, thoughts or opinions regarding matters pertaining to the federal government. To schedule an appointment or for additional information, please contact Eladia Romero, District Representative at 978-466-3552.

ACT Group

A weekly group meeting for men with a history of criminal justice involvement

Day/Time: TUESDAYS 1:15pm-2:15pm
Place: 251 Exchange St. Athol, MA 01331
North Quabbin Community Coalition Office

Please call Ruben for more information
413-774-4014 ext. 2233
FREE Lunch Provided